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REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.322

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.322 and 35 U.S.C. § 254, the patentee respectfully requests the issuance of a Certificate of Correction in accordance with the attached Form PTO/SB/44. In particular, the Office is requested to add Claims 11-12, as shown, in order to correct an error by the Examiner.

Claims 11-12 shown on Form PTO/SB/44 correspond to dependent Claims 25-26 added by the Amendment dated August 8, 2005. Claims 25-26 were drawn to non-elected species but should have been rejoined and allowed upon the allowance of

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their underlying independent claim, Claim 15 (corresponding to Claim 1 of the issued patent).

In the Notice of Allowability mailed December 28, 2005, the Examiner cancelled Claims 25-26 as being drawn to non-elected species. The cancellation of Claims 25-26 was improper, however, as the claims should have been rejoined and allowed in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

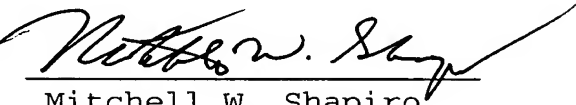
Applicants filed a Request for Rejoinder of Claims 25-26 on January 25, 2006. In a Communication mailed April 24, 2006, the Examiner disapproved Applicants' request on the basis that independent Claim 15 had been amended in such a manner that it was no longer generic to all disclosed embodiments. However, regardless of whether Claim 15 remained generic to all disclosed embodiments, it clearly remained generic to the species of dependent Claims 25-26. Claims 25-26 should therefore have been rejoined and allowed pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 821.04, as being dependent upon an allowed claim. Applicants filed a Response to the Examiner's Communication on May 3, 2006, specifically calling the Examiner's attention to M.P.E.P. § 821.04. No reply was received from the Examiner, and the patent issued without the claims to which Applicants were properly entitled.

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As the Examiner's failure to rejoin Claims 25-26 constitutes an error on the part of the Office, the issuance of a Certificate of Correction is warranted, and respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (XA-9890) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 14, after Claim 10, add the following claims:

11. A semiconductor device according to claim 7, wherein said first and second bonding leads include bonding leads having notched portions over which wires connected to other bonding leads pass.

12. A semiconductor device according to claim 8, wherein said first and second bonding leads are arranged in a staggered manner, each in two inner and outer rows along extension directions of wires which are connected thereto, and wherein notched portions are formed at inner ends of bonding leads in said inner rows.

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